

as feisty footie babes clash in new TV show

TO BITCHES

TEN of Britain's hottest footie babes have gone from WAGs to bitches on an explosive new telly show.

The beauties, including the girlfriends of England stars Jermain Defoe and Stewart Downing, have been split into two teams to run rival clothing shops.

But one of them has revealed that the show – WAGS Boutique on ITV2 – has already sparked “handbags at dawn”.

Jadene Bircham, 32, who is married to QPR star Marc, said: “It was hard at first as I got on with all the girls and I was a bit surprised that they split us up so early.”

“But as soon as we were put into our two teams the competition started. There was definitely a change in us all.”

“A strong rivalry has developed and we’re all taking it very seriously. We’re all a bit thick so thank God we’ve got a mentor helping us.”

“There is no doubt that each team wants to

■ by SUSAN HILL

win. There’s nothing like being on the winning side. But we still have two more WAGs joining up, so that’ll be interesting too. “We’ve all seen what our men go through when they lose so it’s not something we can even contemplate at the moment.”

Claws

The ex-model has been teamed up with Defoe’s sexy girlfriend Charlotte Meares, 21, Heather Swan, girlfriend of Cardiff City’s Michael Chopra, and Chelsea midfielder Michael Essien’s glamorous girlfriend Cassie Sumner, 23.

They will battle it out against Julie Phillips, 32, wife of West Bromwich Albion striker Kevin, Page 3 model Nicola Tappenden, 24, girlfriend of West Ham striker Bobby Zamora, Michaela Henderson-Thynne, 21, girlfriend of Middlesbrough’s Downing, and Reading midfielder Steve

Sidwell’s wife Krystell, 23. The show has just finished its first week of filming in London’s West End.

Insiders have revealed that bosses turned up the heat by surprising the babes with the news they were being split into two rival teams.

And with the competition reaching fever pitch, they say the manicured claws are already coming out.

One source commented: “A lot of the WAGs aren’t very well known at all but that doesn’t mean they aren’t any good.”

“The feeling is that they are stars in the making and from the stuff that has already been filmed they’re showing that the bosses were right.”

“We’ve already filmed a number of heated arguments among the WAGs. And there are a couple of strong characters who won’t take any nonsense.”

“It’s definitely a case of WAGs to bitches, which is just what they wanted. And it’s only week one and they haven’t even decided what to sell yet.” Jadene’s team-mate Charlotte is hoping her retail background will help them come out on top.

She said: “Before I got into modelling I managed a high street fashion store so I know exactly how hard a challenge we all face.”

Direct

“We’ve got so much to sort out and as it’s all for charity none of us want to lose.”

The babe, who has been dating Tottenham’s Defoe for a year, said: “Running a shop isn’t as easy as it looks, especially when you have a direct rival bang next door to you like we’re going to have.”

“My experience should help me out but we haven’t even decided what we’re going to sell yet.”

“It might be clothes, accessories or just shoes. Who knows? We’re all going to have to agree on it though.”

The show is on ITV2 in January.

A HOT SHOT: Gorgeous Cassie Sumner is girlfriend of Chelsea midfielder Michael Essien



GOAL-DEN GIRLS: From left to right, Nicola, Heather, Julie, Charlotte and Jadene



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CORRIE star **BRADLEY WALSH** is getting well away from the Weatherfield cobbles after quitting his role as underworld boss Danny Baldwin. My spies tell me: "His chat show starts soon and he's been offered the lead roles in the touring version of The Producers AND a stint as lawyer Billy Flynn in Chicago in the West End."

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Don's doc vice

NOT content with his new role in the West End's Guys And Dolls, Miami Vice star **DON JOHNSON** has got his eye on a starring role in BBC1's

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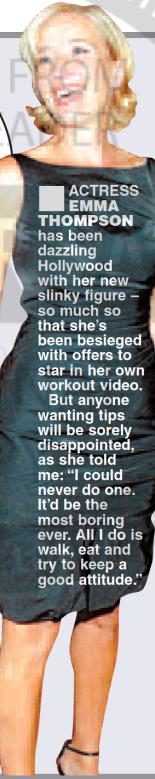
THEY NO CAN DIVO

READ this and weep... super hunks **IL DIVO** have spurned the chance to show us their trunks after being asked to star in the

new ads for Calvin Klein undies. Their manager **SIMON COWELL** told me: "It just does not fit with their image. No way."

JADE JAGGER got a true wake-up call when she booked a table at a top London restaurant. Seconds after she walked in, a waiter told her: "Oh, we were expecting **JADE GOODY**." Luckily the good-natured beauty saw the humorous side and told me: "It was funny. In fact, my friends thought it was hilarious."

ACTRESS EMMA THOMPSON has been dazzling Hollywood with her new slinky figure – so much so that she's been besieged with offers to star in her own workout video. But anyone wanting tips will be sorely disappointed, as she told me: "I could never do one. It'd be the most boring ever. All I do is walk, eat and try to keep a good attitude."



TOUR: Cherie and Fiona

Cherie warns hubby

TONY Blair may be grappling with the world's problems as Prime Minister.

But Cherie Blair has revealed her husband will be "dead" if he lets his aides choose Christmas gifts for her and her mum.

There is also little chance of the Prime Minister skipping the annual ritual of decorating the tree, which Mrs Blair describes as "our family occasion".

Colour

The intriguing details emerged as Mrs Blair gave a tour around 10 Downing Street.

She told presenter Fiona Phillips the state rooms had been redecorated in a "lovely" terracotta colour when Labour came to power.

"It used to be blue. When we had the dinner for the Queen's 50th Jubilee, Margaret Thatcher really didn't like the new colour."

The full tour will be screened by ITV tomorrow morning.

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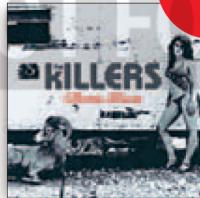
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POKER KING: Mikkelsen

Villain's feeling flush...

CASINO Royale's Mads Mikkelsen, who took on James Bond at poker, has become a real-life champion at the game.

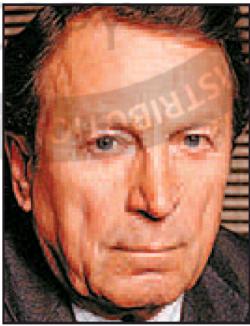
The Danish actor stars in the Bond movie as Le Chiffre, a poker-loving supercrook.

Now he has used the card skills he learned on set to beat Danish ace Theo Jorgensen in a game of Texas Hold'em poker in Copenhagen.

When Jorgensen went "all in", betting all his chips on one hand, Mikkelsen called his bluff and won with two Jacks.

Amazingly, they were the exact cards he used to beat Bond in a dramatic scene in Casino Royale.

We three Kings of Emmerdale are AND MURDERING DAD WILL MAKE US A STAR



SLAY RIDE: Tom dies at Christmas

WHEN cunning Emmerdale businessman Tom King is murdered, the list of suspects is endless...

Seven villagers are in the frame, plus his three sons Jimmy, Matt and Carl.

And, just as in a game of Cluedo, Dale fans will be left wondering whether the killer's the one with the gun, the rope or the candlestick.

Tom meets his maker just moments after he ties the knot with Rosemary Sinclair (actress Linda Thorson) on Christmas Day.

But with several different endings to the murder already filmed, viewers will have to wait until spring to find who bumped him off.

The storyline is so secret even the suspects don't know who the murderer is.

And by the time Tom (played by Ken Farrington, 70) plunges to his death after being struck with a statue of a horse's head, all three King sons will have a strong motive to do their old man in.

Ruthless

In an exclusive interview with the Daily Star Sunday, Nick Miles (Jimmy), Matt Healy (Matthew) and Tom Lister (Carl) revealed how they believe their bosses have come up with the perfect storyline to win the ratings battle.

Dark-haired hunk Matt, 36, who plays the most ruthless of the King brothers, said: "As usual it comes down to power and money for Matthew."

"He sees it as his God-given right to run the family business and can't believe his dad would marry Rosemary."

"When it goes ahead he's furious. But whether that's a strong enough motive to kill his dad remains to be seen." Matt's older brother Jimmy has been



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Features Editor

racked with guilt since the show gas blast tragedy.

And with his dad constantly having a go at him, actor Nick reveals how his character finally loses it.

Newly-wed Nick, 39, said: "Jimmy is definitely the most caring of the King brothers."

"He felt his dad should have taken responsibility for the tragedy. It was Tom who got Jimmy to push the project through and he just can't live with that."

"I was one of the last to film my murder scene and by that point poor Ken had done his back in."

"But he still managed to give it his all and I was really pleased with how the scene went."

"At the moment we're filming the aftermath of Tom's death. We've just had the reading of the will and believe me there are going to be quite a few skeletons coming out of Tom's closet."

Dad-of-one Tom Lister, 26, who plays the youngest brother, sees his character fall out with his dad over Chastity Dingle (Lucy Pargeter).

His dad has never approved of his lover and finally decides to do something about it...

He ends up throwing Chas out while Carl is away and by the time Tom is murdered they are at war. Tom told us: "All Carl has ever wanted is love and approval

from his dad. He's tried his best to fit in and do what he wants, but whatever he does, it's never good enough for Tom."

"Carl and Chas have always had a fiery relationship, so Tom's interference really doesn't help matters."

"He tries his best to win Chas back, but she's having none of it."

"By the time Tom is murdered, Carl has a strong motive."

"I just hope Carl doesn't turn out to be the murderer, as I don't think I could live with myself."

Lover

"But whatever the outcome, viewers are in for a real treat."

Of the other villagers in the frame for Tom's murder, barman Bob Hope blames Tom for the death of his daughter Dawn in the house explosion, as does his son, ice-cream man Jamie.

Also angry is B&B owner Terry Woods, Dawn's former lover. And pensioner Len Reynolds wants revenge after Tom tried to blackmail his love Edna Birch.

Other suspects are Chastity, who was paid by Tom to dump Carl, and gay solicitor Grayson Sinclair, who Tom threatened to "out".

Even Tom's new wife, Grayson's mum Rosemary, has a grudge, after finding she won't inherit his estate.



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WHO DUN IT: From left Carl King, and his brothers Matthew and Jimmy are in the frame



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Cow poo shampoo

WHERE there's muck there's vanilla, according to Japanese scientists.

The boffins have invented a process for converting cow dung into vanillin, the main component of vanilla-bean extract.

They are hoping it will be used in shampoo and scented candles, but fear it will cause a stink if used in food.

One scientist on the project, Mayu Yamamoto, said: "It would be difficult for people to accept it in food."

Dim crim cops it

A DOZY crook tried to pass a forged cheque in a store... under the noses of 80 uniformed police.

Calvin E. Fluckles Jr, 21, passed 40 squad cars parked outside the Chicago store.

The cops, who were there for a charity event, arrested Fluckles and he could now face up to 14 years in jail.

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THE RURAL SUSPECTS

HERE are the ten in the frame for Tom's killing. From left – Jamie Hope (Alex Carter), Chastity Dingle (Lucy Pargeter), Matthew King (Matt Healy), Jimmy King (Nick Miles), Carl King (Tom

Lister), Len Reynolds (Peter Martin), Bob Hope (Tony Audenshaw), Rosemary King (Linda Thorson), Grayson Sinclair (Chris Villiers) and Terry Woods (Billy Hartman).

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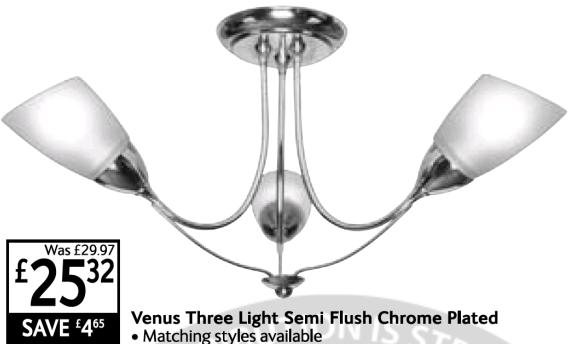
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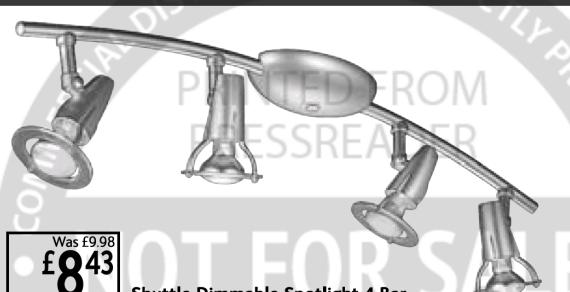


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News in brief

COP MURDER CHARGE

A MAN appeared in court yesterday charged with the murder of special constable Nisha Patel-Nasri, who was stabbed to death outside her home.

Tony Emmanuel, 40, of East Ham, London, was remanded in custody until March 16 by Ealing magistrates.

Nisha, 29, died after being stabbed in the groin near her home in Wembley on May 11.



STABBED: Nisha

Grinch says sorry

A THIEF dubbed The Grinch for stealing toys destined for sick children felt so guilty he handed them back two days later.

The crook was caught on CCTV stealing gifts donated to youngsters from a Pizza Hut restaurant.

But then a sack of 20 toys and a letter of apology arrived at the scene of the crime in Southampton. He wrote: "I want members of the public and those poor little children to know I am very, very sorry." Police are urging him to come forward. The Grinch is a cartoon creature made famous by Jim Carrey.

STAR ROCKS ON FOR DAD



HEARTBROKEN Coronation Street star Bruce Jones went to a rock concert just hours after burying his father.

Bruce, 53, had planned to take his dad, Bruce, 77, to the Status Quo gig in Manchester, but he lost his battle against cancer and died last week.

The actor, who plays Les Battersby, said: "My dad would've loved this. I'm so sad he didn't get to see it."

Al-Qaida boss held

A LAWYER arrested in a police swoop yesterday has admitted he was the leader of al-Qaida in Turkey.

The 25-year-old was held with nine suspects after raids in Istanbul, Ankara and the province of Izmir.

Officers seized bomb-making material and a CD primed to explode when inserted into a computer.

It was reported that the lawyer and two suspects were also members of the Great Islamic Warriors Front, which claimed joint responsibility with al-Qaida for bomb attacks in November 2003 that killed more than 60 people.

SAM'S 'GREEN' GUZZLER



HOLLYWOOD star Samuel L. Jackson, 57, is splashing out £300,000 on a 171mph motor which has its own cocktail bar.

Kill Bill actor Jackson's 19ft-long Maybach 57 S has a six-litre V12 engine, takes less than five seconds to do 0-60mph and guzzles fuel at the alarming rate of 16.4mpg.

But the German-built limo also has a "green" rooftop solar panel to power air-conditioning – vital in hot California.

LIMO: Jackson

Pointing the finger

POLICE are appealing to the public to help them track down a terror suspect who has the tips of two fingers missing after handling explosives in Iraq.

Bakhtiar Mahmud Perwais, 28, failed to attend a police station in West Yorkshire on Wednesday, November 8, to answer bail.

He was arrested in Pontefract in October by officers from Manchester's Anti-Terrorist Unit and charged with money laundering offences. A police spokesman said: "There is nothing to suggest Perwais represents a danger but do not approach him – call 999."

Movie star dishes the dirt on the A-list prima donnas

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BIG-EADS

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THE world's top movie stars are up in arms over a tell-all book which brands them big-heads and prima donnas.

Actor John Leguizamo, who appeared in Romeo + Juliet, Moulin Rouge! and ER, blows the lid off their giant egos and trashes their reputations.

Oscar winner Kevin Costner is ripped apart for ordering him out of his way for "stealing" his light.

Leguizamo claims the Dances With Wolves legend warned him on the set of the 1990 film Revenge: "I want to teach you something, son."

"I'm going to teach you about lighting. Get out of my light. Now if you can manage that we might have a good movie, son."

Colombian Leguizamo, 42, writes: "I'll never forget that. Never block a star's light. Got it. C**ksucker."

He also takes a pop at tough guy Steven Seagal.

The action hero didn't like the way his character Lt Colonel Austin Travis was to die in the 1996 hit Executive Decision.

Leguizamo writes: "His head was supposed to blow up from the sudden change in air pressure. But Steven would not let his character die like that."

"He said it was ignoble for

SECRETS: Actor John Leguizamo with his book in which he spills the beans about some of Hollywood's biggest names

■ by PAUL THOMPSON and NEIL CHANDLER

Steven Seagal to die that way. He wouldn't leave his trailer until they changed it for him.

"Just sat in there and sulked. The big fat sissy. So they changed it."

And Leguizamo reveals how director Mike Nichols got his comeuppance on the set of Regarding Henry, the 1991 movie starring Harrison Ford and Annette Bening. He says Nichols was driving his crew up the wall by moaning about the coffee he was getting from his own private cappuccino machine.

He writes: "The crew got their revenge. They pissed in his cappuccino machine. And he liked it!"

Hookers

He also reveals in his book Pimps, Hos, Playa Hatas And All The Rest Of My Hollywood Friends some tit-bits the stars would definitely not have wanted published.

He tells how, while playing 4ft 6in artist Toulouse-Lautrec in Moulin Rouge! in 2001, he managed to take a peek up Nicole Kidman's skirt.

Leguizamo writes: "Let me just say the curtains match the carpet."

And on the 1996 film Romeo + Juliet, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, he tells how some of the actors videoed sex romps with prostitutes.

He confessed: "There were some adventures with the hookers that were videotaped. Thank God for certain people's careers those tapes have been erased."

● Leguizamo's book is due to be published in the UK next year.

'I peeked up her skirt...let's just say she's a natural redhead'

NICOLE KIDMAN

He said: 'Get out of my light'

KEVIN COSTNER

The crew peed in his coffee machine

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THROAT CANCER: Alex Higgins Friends fear for Higgins

PALS of snooker legend Alex "Hurricane" Higgins fear he will be dead within weeks.

Belfast-born Higgins, 57, who beat throat cancer six years ago, is facing the disease a second time, we can reveal.

The former world champion is said to be in denial about his illness and is refusing to see a doctor.

A pal told the Daily Star Sunday: "I have tried to persuade him to go to the doctor but he won't."

Habit

"I have told him he has throat cancer again but he does not want to know – he will be dead within six months."

Higgins quit his 80-a-day smoking habit after being diagnosed with cancer in 2000 but has since taken up cigarettes again.

And the star was devastated after losing his pal, fellow snooker hero Paul Hunter, who died from cancer in October.

"Paul's death was a big blow. Alex has not been the same since," his pal said.

"None of us expect him to be here this time next year."

HO HO HO! There's an early Christmas present for Santa. An overwhelming 94% of you said in our poll that Father Christmas should not be sacked, after a Ban Santa campaign was launched in Austria and Germany.

Lights out...

THE Big Apple's smoking ban sparked a clash between two of New York's five Mafia families.

Bonanno family gangster Nicholas "PJ" Pisciotto and pal Louis Ventafredda are facing serious assault charges for beating the Genovese clan's Joseph "Joe Clams" Caruso and leaving him with permanent brain damage.

The row started when restaurant manager Caruso told Pisciotto and his friends to stop lighting up in his eatery.

Pisciotto faces up to 15 years if convicted in Manhattan's Supreme Court next month.

CRASH COURSE

RENAULT staff working to meet strict Euro safety laws have crashed 10,000 cars in the last 50 years at their lab near Paris.



National Lottery throws a lavish bash

WE'VE GONE

THE National Lottery will be celebrating in style today after making 2,000 Brits millionaires.

Camelot has promised to splash the cash at a lavish bash – which will attract the biggest gathering of millionaires ever.

Since launching the Lottery 12 years ago, punters have helped raise a

whopping £19million for good causes with the help of ticket and scratchcard sales.

Speaking about the party, being held at Somerset House in London, a Lottery spokesman told the Daily Star Sunday: "It will be the biggest ever gathering of lottery winners. So far

we've made 2,000 Brits millionaires so there should be a lot of happy people celebrating with us at the party.

"Brits spend £1billion more a year on tickets than they do on crisps and sweets and with 4million people winning every week you can see why."

"We're really happy it's proved to be such a success. We've changed a lot of

people's lives and that's not to mention the good causes that have had huge funding."

And to help celebrate the millionaires' milestone, the Daily Star Sunday caught up with three lucky winners to find out the weird and wonderful things they've splashed their cash on since they scooped the jackpot.

TOP FAN:
David's cash has allowed him to see Jane McDonald in concert many times

Pictures: KNP / NTI



Spending out of this world

DAVID COPELAND £1m

DAVID Copeland was over the moon with his £1million Lottery win, so he went on an interplanetary shopping spree.

After splurging on houses for himself and his two sisters, the lab technician went on to buy real estate on Mars, Venus and the Moon.

David, 31, from Hereford, said: "I saw an advert in a magazine offering plots of land on different planets.

"I thought it would be a different way to spend some of my winnings."

"It seemed like it would be a talking point at parties."

And his out-of-this-world spending didn't end there.

The lifelong Concorde fan also splashed out on two flights on the supersonic plane before it had to be grounded in 2003.

"I have always loved the plane and it was a fantastic experience to fly on it," he said.

"I've managed to buy original tickets from the first and final flights which I've had framed."

Other extravagances since his 1999 New Year's Eve win include trips to see his favourite singer – cabaret star Jane McDonald.

He said: "I've seen her lots of times now."

"Let's just say it's in double figures. Recently I've been on a cruise ship to Gibraltar where she was playing. We're

on first-name terms now and I've made some great friends from her fan club."

"The only thing left on my to do list is a trip to Australia."

"I've always wanted to walk over Sydney Harbour Bridge."

But despite the supersonic flights and the extra-terrestrial property, David insists he has managed to keep his feet firmly on the ground.

"I gave a big chunk of my money away from the beginning."

"My two sisters got a house each and I gave my dad enough money so he could retire."

"I didn't even go out and celebrate when I found out I had won."

Quit

"It was New Year's Day and I had a terrible hangover from the night before."

"But it was still a great day."

"We had a double reason to celebrate because my mum had just finished her treatment for breast cancer the week before."

And the Lottery has enabled him to live out one long-held ambition.

Six months after his big win, David quit his job to start training as a driving instructor.

"It was something I'd always wanted to do and my friends had always told me I had the perfect temperament for it."

"If I hadn't won the Lottery I wouldn't be working as an instructor now, so it has definitely changed my life."



FANCY FLIGHT: David Copeland



OH, WHAT A LOTT MALENE'S GOT

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to celebrate 12 years and 2,000 millionaires



JACKPOTTY



FAN: Dean Hardman



SOLDIER OF FORTUNE:
Tony, pictured
with his Action
Men, has splashed
out on a new
Skoda, below

Dean's dream to box clever
DEAN HARDMAN £6.7m

DEAN Hardman hit the jackpot, then happily splashed out on his first-ever suit – so he could watch his beloved Bury FC from the directors' box.

The footie-mad pub landlord has cheered on his team from the terraces for years.

But after he scooped £6.75million last month, the 32-year-old's dream really came true when club bosses invited him to join them in the box.

He said: "They told me I'd have to be smart and wear a suit and shirt and tie."

"I've never had one before so I had to go out to get one sorted. I went for a £350 Ted Baker one. Apart from that I haven't spent much."

Dean, who runs the Crown Inn in Heywood, Lancs., with girlfriend Stella Kelsall, 37, had one of seven British tickets which won a share of last month's £123million Euro-Millions jackpot.

Extras

He added: "It just doesn't seem real at the moment, even when I look at the balance in my account."

"I've ordered a Ford Galaxy Zetec with all the extras, like sat-nav and voice command."

"I don't want to go for anything else just yet. It would probably get nicked around here!"

"I have also looked at a few houses. We want something quite big because Stella has got four children, and I've got two dogs."

But devoted fan Dean could fork out the most on Coca-Cola League Division club Bury.

He said: "I might buy half the shares and that would more or less give me control of the club."

"I would definitely buy another striker, another midfielder and a central defender."

"I love the club and really want to invest in its future."

A MAN OF ACTION

TONY WELLS-STUBLEY £2.2m

DESPITE his fortune, Tony Wells-Stuble still drives his beloved old Skoda.

He's bought another one too but the 42-year-old admits he has struggled to splash the cash he won in 2004.

One thing the ex-policeman has managed to invest in since being handed the £2,213,141 cheque is a collection of Action Man figures – much to the embarrassment of his son.

He told the Daily Star Sunday: "I haven't been extravagant with my winnings."

"I bought a house, I bought my mum and dad a house and the rest I invested."

Loaded

"I love Skodas and still have my Felicia, although I did get the upgraded Elegance model."

"I also bought a new house and spent £1,500 on Action Man figures – but I see them as an investment."

"My garage is loaded with them."

"I have collected Action Man since they first came out and I bought my first one when I was five."

"Last year was the 40th anniversary of Action Man and the figures have been brought out again. My son Greg, who is 11,

is so embarrassed about them – he's more into his football."

Tony, from Chatham, Kent, reckons he always knew that he would win the Lottery.

He added: "I thought I would eventually win if I kept doing it – and I did."

But as well as his success with the

cash jackpot, Tony has also been lucky in love since his win.

At the time he scooped the winning prize he was in the throes of a divorce. He has since married again after rekindling a romance with the childhood sweetheart

he tracked down through Friends.

The pair will be celebrating their first wedding anniversary later this month with a trip to Iceland.

And while they are out there he plans to catch up with The Stranglers – the band who handed over his winnings at a ceremony two years ago.

He added: "They are my idols and I've seen them live 114 times – including when they gave me my cheque."

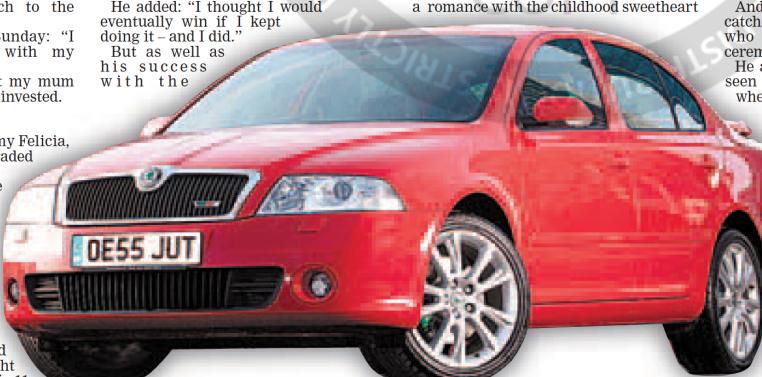
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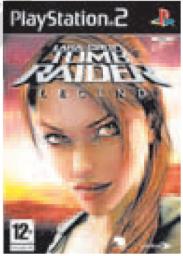
"Since then I've got to know them and even caught them four or five times on their last tour. I'll see them again while we're away."

"Then when we get back we'll get stuck into Christmas before I get my head down in the New Year and hit the grindstone."

"The other thing the Lottery has afforded me is a change of occupation so I'm planning my first novel."

"It's something I've always wanted to do so I'm writing a sci-fi novel. That'll be another dream come true."



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Fellas fruity for Sporty**MUMS THINK
I'M N-ICE, TOO**

■ by JONATHAN CORKE

wearing Sportacus, said the more followers Lazy Town has the better.

Muscly Magnus, 42, said: "If housewives think Sportacus is OK, then I'm very pleased. Thank you very much. There is also a huge gay community who love the show too."

Catchy ditty Bing Bang is the latest drive by Magnus to try to make kids eat fruit and get fit.

Child obesity levels in Iceland have plunged since his show was launched on TV there in 2004.

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YOUR NO.1 GUIDE TO ALL THE LATEST GAMES

BY PAUL VALE



Wii WILL ROCK

Nintendo bid to bash rivals

FUEL the bombers, open the silo doors and move gaming to DEFCON 1 – the war is upon us.

Following a year of utter domination for Xbox 360, a rival console – the Wii – finally hit the shops last week.

Nintendo and Microsoft are hoping to give each other a Xmas kicking. And when Sony enters the fray in March, we'll be knee deep in the biggest rumble since the little Austrian took a fancy to Poland.

Just how and where it'll end, I have no idea but expect plenty of casualties along the way, with wives and girlfriends bearing the brunt.

So to the Wii, the most hotly anticipated console since, well, last Christmas, when we went through the same with Xbox.

Unlike the Microsoft launch, Nintendo have promised to fill the shops with enough machines to satisfy demand. Do I believe them? Not really.

One thing is for sure – there'll be plenty of parents out there staring in bewilderment at a Christmas list topped with the words "Nintendo Wii". Buying a Furby seemed "so much easier", one parent wrote to me last week.

The bundle, which costs £179.99, includes console, the remote

(controller one), the nunchuk (controller two), and a copy of Wii Sports (tennis, bowling, golf, boxing and baseball).

Enough has already been said about the revolutionary motion sensitive controllers, which are given a full work-out in each of the Wii Sports titles.

It's all very straightforward – hold it like a racquet for tennis, club for golf and so on.

Other launch titles put the controller to different uses in Red Steel you hold it like a sword.

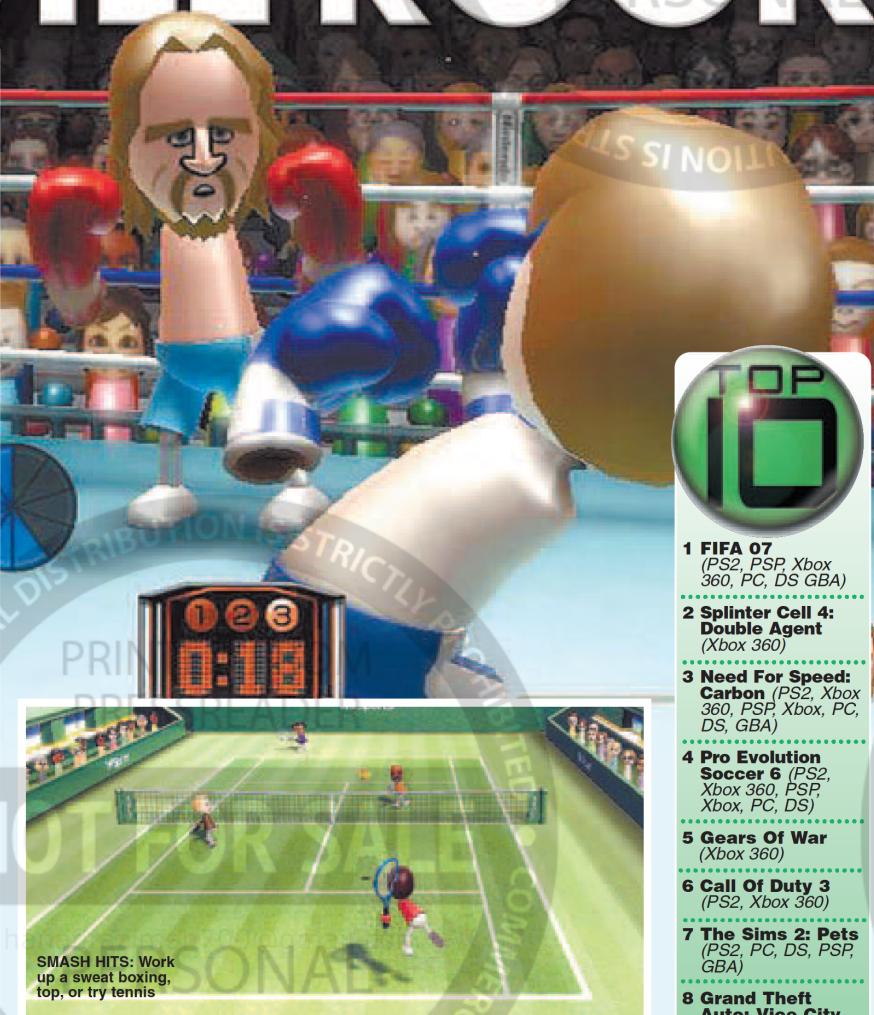
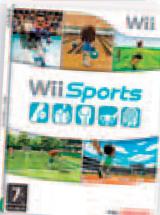
Shots

Of the sports titles, tennis is the most enjoyable as it allows you to play a range of different shots. But scoring points is difficult, allowing for some very lengthy rallies. Baseball is definitely the hardest, while in boxing you actually break sweat before the end of the first round.

Yet for all the fun, the question remains – has Nintendo shown us the future, or is incorporating physical movements into gaming just a passing fad?

For me, gaming is sitting at a computer or console night after night crawling through sewers in Splinter Cell, or building resources to repel an invasion in Age Of Empires.

If nothing else, after years of shooters and kill-fests, at least the Wii has brought some fun back into the industry.



1 FIFA 07
(PS2, PSP, Xbox 360, PC, DS GBA)

2 Splinter Cell 4: Double Agent
(Xbox 360)

3 Need For Speed: Carbon
(PS2, Xbox 360, PSP, Xbox, PC, DS, GBA)

4 Pro Evolution Soccer 6
(PS2, Xbox 360, PSP, Xbox, PC, DS)

5 Gears Of War
(Xbox 360)

6 Call Of Duty 3
(PS2, Xbox 360)

7 The Sims 2: Pets
(PS2, PC, DS, PSP, GBA)

8 Grand Theft Auto: Vice City Stories
(PSP, PS2)

9 Lego Star Wars 2
(PS2, PSP, Xbox 360, PC, DS, GBA)

10 Bratz Forever Diamondz
(DS)



WELSH popular music combo The Automatic will be playing a Game With Fame on Xbox Live tomorrow. Sign into Xbox Live and add one of these Gamertags to your friends list: RobAutomatic, PennieAutomatic, FrostAutomatic, IwanAutomatic. After that, go on to Xbox Live tomorrow from 5pm and 7pm to check whether you have been invited to join in a game.



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PLUS 4 RUNNERS-UP PRIZES

WHAT to give away this week? I was hoping to get hold of ten copies of An Evening With Cannon & Ball, filmed live at the Blackpool Grand in 1995.

Unfortunately, the DVDs haven't turned up so you'll have to make do with this Nintendo Wii and a copy of Ubisoft's sword-wielding epic Red Steel. Four runners-up

will pick up a copy of the game. To be in with a chance of winning, tell me which one of these was Bobby Ball's catch-phrase?

- A) "Rock on, Tommy!"
- B) "I could rip a tissue!"
- C) "I'm free!"

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Alternatively, text GAMEON followed by a space, your answer, name and details to 88100. Texts cost £1.50 plus your

normal network operator rate. • WELL done to Tony McGinnis, of Glasgow, who won the LCD TV, a white PSP and a copy of L.A. Rush. Copies of the game go to Roy Thomas, of Milton Keynes; Nigel Hackney, of Stoke on Trent; Jamie Morgan, of Kings Heath, Birmingham; and William Knight, of London.

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Wizards put a glow in Oz

A STUNNING new version of The Wizard Of Oz has given the Yellow Brick Road its gleam back.

These amazing shots show the difference between the old washed-out version of the 1939 classic and a newly restored edition which hits cinemas this Christmas.

The clean-up even revealed the Tin Man – played by Jack Haley – wore blue eye shadow, a detail missed by millions of fans.

Judy Garland as Dorothy Gale, Ray Bolger as the Scarecrow and Bert Lahr as the Cowardly Lion, all look

■ by NEIL CHANDLER

brighter and sharper in the new print after Warner Brothers spent eight months on the restoration.

They cleaned away decades of dirt and debris from the original Oz negatives. Experts spent up to 300 hours on the colour section of the film and 91 hours on the opening ten minutes, filmed in black and white.

In the US they put the new movie out on DVD but the British Film Institute liked it so much it is

releasing it at 40 cinemas nationwide from Friday.

Margaret Deriaz of the BFI said: "Wizard Of Oz is one of the greatest fantasy films ever and should be experienced on the big screen."

The film is best known for songs like Follow The Yellow Brick Road and tells the story of Dorothy, carried to a magical land by a tornado.

It cost £1.5million to make and, although beaten to 1940's Best Picture Oscar by Gone With The Wind, it still won Best Original Score and Best Song for Over The Rainbow.

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ROOKIE fireman Marc Holebrook was sent home in his underwear after being sacked just three days into his new job.
Marc, 27, of Hazel Grove, Cheshire, was ordered to hand in his uniform after chiefs found he had eight undeclared points on his driving licence.
But Marc didn't have a change of clothes and went home in a T-shirt and boxer shorts. "It was very embarrassing," he said.

'PURE EVIL' OPIUM HEADS FOR UK



Killer heroin threat

FLESH DANCE: Emily tears up T-shirt during a wild photo-shoot



THE shirt hit the fan when blonde babe Emily Scott was asked to show "more attitude" during a photo-shoot.

But the shocked snapper didn't bank on the Aussie beauty ripping up her T-shirt to show more flesh.

Still, it gave us all a glimpse of what Emily's Little Britain star lover David Walliams, 35, gets to see most nights.

Emily, 22, sprang into life during shooting for the cover of hot new dance album Clubland X-treme Hardcore 3.

A source said: "She really went for it - it shocked a few people in the studio! But it certainly livened things up a bit."

Clubland X-treme Hardcore 3 is out tomorrow.

BRITAIN has been warned to expect a flood of pure heroin on to the streets that is powerful enough to kill.

Afghanistan, which is responsible for 90% of the drug coming into the UK, has produced a record opium crop this year, says the United Nations.

And that means our streets will be awash in a narcotic purer than ever.

UN drugs tsar Antonio Maria Costa has even written to Britain's mayors including London's Ken Livingstone and Belfast's Pat McCarthy about the heroin glut.

He said: "Illicit drugs are a serious threat to our young people and the very future of our societies."

But the authorities in Afghanistan and our soldiers fighting there face an enormous task to tackle the problem. It is thought the trade in Helmand province,

■ by NEIL CHANDLER

the main poppy growing area, is run by just 15 Mr Bigs, who have been described by an Afghan judge as "untouchable".

Critics say destroying farmers' crops with pesticides, as the Americans have tried to do, only hits the poorest.

Debts

A UN report has told of cases like the farmer who could not repay his debts and was forced to give his 11-year-old daughter to a loan shark.

And the Daily Star Sunday recently revealed how members of 3 Para were ordered to ignore a £500,000 opium stash they found for fear of upsetting the locals.

And all the time the drug lords grow ever more powerful.

The judge said: "No one can touch them. They can't be stopped. Their hand is law."



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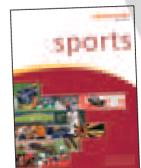
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SOAP SNAP

KIM Hyde hits breaking point as he tries to convince Summer Bay folk he's not a pervert. The Home And Away hunk (Chris Hemsworth) is accused of assaulting a gym client and decides he might have no other option but to leave town.



THIS is the dramatic moment grief-stricken Bob and Jamie Hope spark their campaign to get revenge on Tom King. They torch a billboard poster of the crafty businessman – and they plan a lot more.

Bob and Jamie (Tony Audenshaw and Alex Carter) want Tom (Tom Farrington) to admit responsibility for the gas blast that killed tragic Dawn. An Insider said: "They get great satisfaction seeing Tom's picture go up in flames but it is just the beginning of their revenge."

The fire scenes will be screened on ITV1 a week tomorrow (December 18).

**THE BILL**

Picture Exclusive

Jo nailed by a bang gang

FEISTY Jo Masters' bid to nail a gun runner ends with her staring down a loaded barrel.

The detective (Sally Rogers) finds baddie Phillip Hanson's body (Iain Stuart Robertson) in a car boot.

Her "mark" Seth Mercer (Philip Martin Brown) is the prime suspect and she tracks him down at home.

But as our pictures show, she's not the only one after the grass and they are ambushed by armed men.

Viewers face a tense wait to see if her Sun Hill pals can save her in the December 21 episode.

An Insider said: "Anyone wanting to know whether they are rescued will have to wait and see."

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Don't bar my Violet's love

SEXY pint-puller Jenny Platt is desperate for scriptwriters to give her a winter warmer – by finding her a fella.

As pregnant barmaid Violet Wilson she's heading for a Christmas from hell.

But the babe who plays her is keeping tight-lipped about the tragedy she is about to suffer.

Jenny does admit that once the gritty storyline is over she's desperate for Violet to get a happy ending and a new romance. The sexy star,

said: "Violet is going to suffer like she's never suffered before and what happens will change her life for good.

"It's awful really, but like many actors, I have a bit of a death wish for my character.

"It makes

my job far more interesting if she's getting a raw deal. Bring on the trauma, I say!"

Violet's world is turned upside down when she discovers she's pregnant by ex-boyfriend Jamie Baldwin, played by Rupert Hill.

She's facing the prospect of bringing up the baby on her own after finding out Jamie has fallen in love with his stepmom Frankie (Debra Stephenson).

Hunky

Corrie viewers will see the poor girl on the verge of an abortion.

But she quickly realises she is destined to be a good mum and goes ahead with the pregnancy.

Jenny added: "Her attitude is that she can be a good parent without Jamie around.

"So she decides to go alone, even though being a single mum on the Street will be hard.

"I'd love a hunky new man for Violet.

"But we'll just have to wait and see what happens."

SOAP
EMMERDALE vet Paddy Kirk (actor Dominic Brunt) finally seals his love for barmaid Toni Daggert this Christmas – by asking her to marry him. But viewers will have to wait to see whether or not Toni (actress Kerry Stacey) says yes.

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All the latest telly gossip

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SLAPPERS!

Fowl play for Peggy

PAULINE Fowler slaps Peggy Mitchell after being outed as a twisted liar.

Loudmouth landlady Peggy had buried the hatchet with her rival and even organised a collection after hearing she was dying.

So when she finds out Pauline was lying about her brain tumour just to get attention from son Martin, Peggy (Barbara Windsor) snaps.

But instead of admitting defeat and apologising, Pauline smacks her across the face.

Heartless

It's not long before the whole of Albert Square turns on her after hearing of her heartless lies.

Backed into a corner, Pauline (Wendy Richard) starts to lose the plot.

First she attacks hempecked hubby Joe (Ray Brooks) and throws her wedding ring back at him. Then she turns on poor Martin (James Alexandrou) and sells his fruit and veg stall.

An insider revealed: "Everyone hates Pauline for what she's done."

"But instead of being remorseful she is filled with rage and turns on those closest to her."

"Martin walks out of her life so she sells the fruit and veg stall back to the council. She also chuck's her wedding band back at poor Joe."

"It's not a happy Christmas in the Fowler household, to say the least."

Viewers of the hit BBC1 soap can catch Pauline's slap a week on Thursday.



EastEnders
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Becca's court hell



PREGNANT Becca Dean collapses in the dock after being found guilty of sexually abusing her schoolboy lover Justin Burton.

And the babe, played by Ali Bastian, left, is so shocked she goes into labour.

As she is taken to hospital she has to face the fact that she could go to prison.

Becca still has no idea if Justin (Chris Fountain) or her estranged husband Jake (Kevin Sacre) is the baby's father. An insider



SPITE: Justin gives his damning evidence

HOLLYOAKS

said: "Viewers will really feel for her. She gives birth to a beautiful baby but with prison hanging over her she finds it hard to enjoy the moment."

Spiteful Justin told the police about his sordid affair to get back at Becca for dumping him.

And it's his evidence that convicts the pretty blonde – despite Jake holding Justin hostage to keep him from the trial.

The courtroom drama starts a week tomorrow on Channel 4.



Neighbours

TROUBLED Max Hoyland is so upset over killing Cameron Robinson he checks into a mental hospital.

After the death, the dad (Stephen Lovatt, above), is involved in a series of unexplained incidents.

Max is convinced he has lost the plot and enters the unit claiming he has gone insane.

But what the poor man doesn't realise is he is the target of a twisted revenge bid by a mystery Ramsay Street resident.

An insider said of the New Year storyline: "Max killed Cameron thinking he was his evil twin."

"But he ends up the victim of a plot to get him back for the killing."



Bling a twinner

DIDDY is arguing with girlfriend Kim Porter over his idea to give bling bling names to the twin girls she is expecting any day now. He wants to call them Diamond and Ruby but she prefers the more traditional Grace and Emily.

HOLLYWOOD

Tinsel Town Tittle Tattle

By SANDRO MONETTI in Los Angeles



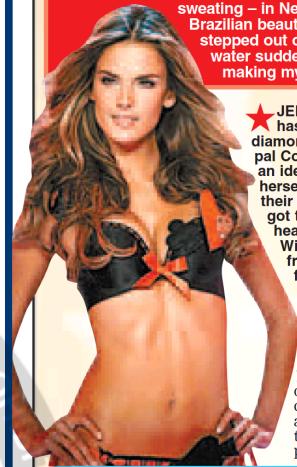
TERMINATOR 2's teenage star Edward Furlong has made a showbiz comeback with a role on TV's CSI: New York after years when he didn't work due to drugs and drink problems. "Hollywood f***ed me up but now I'm happy," says the 29-year-old actor.

GEORGE Clooney has been gloating ever since beating hunky pal Brad Pitt to the title of Sexiest Man Alive 2006. He laughs: "Since the result was announced, I've heard that Brad has had to hide in India or something because of the shame."

HOLLYWOOD plastic surgeons have declared Kate Bosworth as the star who most looks older than her actual age. The Superman Returns actress is only 23 yet already has crow's feet and forehead creases.



VICTORIA'S Secret model Alessandra Ambrosio got a splashing wearing a water bra – one that cools the breasts and prevents sweating – in New York. The Brazilian beauty said: "I stepped out of a taxi and the water suddenly came out making my T-shirt all wet."



JENNIFER Aniston has bought a £6,000 diamond ring for best pal Courteney Cox and an identical one for herself as a symbol of their friendship. She got the idea after hearing that Oprah Winfrey had bought friendship rings for her and closest friend Gayle King.



KEVIN Federline is in talks over his own reality TV show that would show him moving on with his life now that Britney Spears has kicked him out. Meanwhile JLo's ex-backing dancer husband Cris Judd is hosting a new US TV talent show called Dirty Dancing.



JAY-Z has re-established himself as the king of hip-hop now that his new album is number one in the US charts with first week sales of 680,000 – double what any other rapper has managed this year.



NICOLE Richie is jealous of Paris Hilton's new friendship with Britney Spears. It's said she feels "neglected" by Paris just weeks after they ended their feud.



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captain jack is the sexiest any-one agree? the pudgy princess
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 is? My m8 realy in2 it bt wont
tel me wot is! **punisher lpool**
 Pls print a picture of Billie
Piper, the famous Dr Who actress - a recent version. **Dave**

hotty Jayne
 Winchester has the most amazing legs. would luv 2 see more pics of her. **Alan Rugby**

If u were murdered and could pick ur own detective 2 solve the case who wud u choose? 4 me it has 2 be the great columbo. **Andy nottn**

WHAT ZONKIE IS MESSING ABOUT WITH ROBIN HOOD WORSTE SERIAL EVER TO WASTE LICENCE FEE PURE BOL@CKS KATHRO
 Council, dyla, csa, mod to name a few computer systems

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that have cocked up n this pathetic govt. thinks rd pricings gonna work! Embeciles **WISEBLADE**
 Hands off gorgeous Fearne Cotton you yanks. We want the hot babe on our telly. **Ainsy**
 WHAT HAPPENED 2 GOLDIE LOOKING CHAIN? CUM ON BOYS! NEW ALBUM! **MIKE N ANDY**
 just bought the beatles love by giles martin absolute crap a insult to the fab 4. **Bryan, beetle fan age 62.**
 Not seen bikini babe Rebecca Smith & her amazin boobs in DSS 4 ages. Lets av a pic pls. **AI**
 i still cant beleev matt willis won im a celebrity! david gest should have won. he is a legend!!! **jonne**
 Save Santa, he brings me my presents every year. wot is wrong with people? wot we have no religion? **emma, kent**

IKEA IS THE WORST PLACE TO GO SHOPPING. I HATE IT BOTH IN THE DAYTIME AND AT NITE. LET THE WOMEN GO ON THEIR OWN DAZZA

ben is a hunk. he has the xfactor. im patient and understanding and do have gosh. i do like tuna tho but wot b puttin it in a piano mel

go Snoop Dogg, u aint no grass. respect! da masta, harrow

sinbad sinbad sinbad grt 2 c he is on his way bak in2 soaps. ive mist him. lets hope he doesn't turn a killer helper agen. **kelsy, worcester**

mmnn id lv 2 jump in a trifle with mylene klass how do i get my hands on her? **alife**

wot is Rooney gonna cum up with next putting cameras in bird boxes is just stupid wot if birds want 2 live in there. **RICK, GLASGOW**

i didnt think big brothers grace was all tht fit in the show but seen her pix makes me eat my words wot a stunner **Bobby, Wigan**

so charlotte church is giving up singin? good riddance 2 bad rubbish. she shd av quit when she woz ahead. **Ed**

more pics of sarah harding like the 1 this week plz 4get hunting ghosts just more pics **ANON X**

west brom rulez! u will never beat ronnie wallwork! ur just jealous! he'll b back bangin in da goals. **ronnies no1 fan runcon**

Texts for **Paul Ross**:

PAUL ROSS U NO NUFFIN' ABOUT TELLY! **RUSSELL BRAND** IS A GENIUS AND HIS SHOW IS WELL WICKED. GET BACK TO THE BIG BREAKFAST OH NO ITS FINSHED LIKE U SHLD B. **ALEX**

r u sure ur not a woman rossy cos u speak as much as women and as much b*st&@?x clive basingstoke

totally agree with u about russell brand. its total garbage. he has a bigger ego than chris moyles. **carys, merthyr**

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WHY can't the miseries who want to ban Santa just get lost?

He helps bring cheer to millions of people in a world that could do with a bit of cheering up.

And at a time when our kids are being forced to grow up before their time, he's a real symbol of childhood and innocence that we should be holding on to.

Lay off the big fellas!

J YORK, Leeds

I'M really glad that Matt Willis was the winner of I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here!

For a pop star he seemed really down to earth.

I hope his recording career goes from strength to strength from here. He deserves it.

MAUREEN CLOSE, Derby

I WAS horrified to read about prisoners hiding mobile phones in stereos in their cells.

What this says to me is

that prisons are not doing enough stringent checks when items are taken into them because these wouldn't get in otherwise. Prisoners should not even be allowed stereos.

They are there to serve time, not have a jolly.

DUNCAN JONES, Oswestry, Shropshire

Q: WHY is a pig's tail like getting up at four o'clock in the morning?
A: Because it's twirly!

JONATHAN WEST, Cwmbran, Gwent

A LITTLE girl was taking three kittens for a walk one Sunday morning when she met the vicar going to church.

"They are nice kittens, Mary - what are their names?"

"Well," said Mary, "this one is Fluffy...and this one is Tibby...and this one is Cooking Fat."

"Cooking Fat?" replied the puzzled vicar. "Now

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The title of fittest Westlifer's partner has 2 go 2 Jodi Albert. She is just sex on legs. **COSMO**

night and tripped over it."

RON DARLEY, West Lothian

THE police chief was putting the new recruits through their paces and explained to them how their new job may throw up some difficult issues.

"For instance," he said, "what would you do if you had to arrest your wife's mother?"

One recruit at the back of the room raised his hand and said: "Call for back-up!"

DOREEN RAFTER, Bradford, West Yorks

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Mel passes the bucks

£10m gift to say 'Sorry'

by MIKE PARKER in Los Angeles

SHAMED Mel Gibson plans to put his money where his mouth is – and donate a huge slice of his new movie *Apocalypto*'s profits to Jewish causes.

The actor is expected to make up to £75million from the film, which opened in America last week and hits UK screens on January 5.

And sources claim he's pledged to hand over as much as £10million to Jewish causes in Los Angeles as well as Israeli war relief funds.

Gibson, 50, is serving three years' probation and attending AA meetings following his drunk-driving arrest in July, during which he unleashed an anti-Semitic tirade.

Last night a close aide told the Daily Star Sunday: "He's said sorry enough times. Now he wants to make amends in a real, tangible way – by contributing to worthy causes."

US critics are raving about Gibson's new film, which he directed and which concerns the ancient Maya kingdom in Mexico. It is expected to make £150million worldwide.



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BIG CHIEF:
Gibson gives
directions to two
of the cast of his
new blockbuster

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Moneyback Bank Loan	www.moneybackbank.co.uk	5.8%	£151.41	1-7 Years	Up to 1 months interest
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Lender	Contact	Rate	Lenders SVR	Duration	Max LTV	Arrangement Fee	Early Repayment Charge Until
The Derbyshire	08000 85 20 20	4.69%	7.00%	31-Jan-09	80%	£999	31-Jan-09
The Woolwich	08450 70 50 90	4.98%	7.14%	31-Jan-17	80%	£595	31-Jan-17
Portman BS	08458 45 70 00	4.99%	6.99%	31-Dec-11	95%	£699	31-Dec-11

Discount Mortgages (without extended redemption penalty)

Lender	Contact	Rate	Lenders SVR	Duration	Max LTV	Arrangement Fee	Early Repayment Charge Until
Beverley BS	01482 88 15 10	4.69%	6.19%	2 Years	75%	£699	2 Years
The Derbyshire	08000 85 20 20	5.05%	7.00%	31-Jan-12	80%	£599	31-Jan-12
Saffron BS	08000 72 11 00	5.24%	6.84%	10 Years	85%	£595	5 Years

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Portman BS	08458 45 70 00	4.99% (F)	6.99%	31-Dec-08	95%	£499	31-Dec-08
Standard Life Bank	08458 45 84 50	5.14% (D)	6.71%	5 Years	95%	£499	5 Years
The Derbyshire	08000 85 20 20	5.25% (F)	7.00%	31-Jan-17	95%	£999	31-Jan-17

100% Mortgages (discounted rate unless stated)

Lender	Contact	Rate	Lenders SVR	Duration	Max LTV	Arrangement Fee	Early Repayment Charge Until
Newcastle BS	08456 06 44 88	5.45% (F)	7.09%	31-Jan-12	100%	Nil	31-Jan-12
Portman BS	08458 45 70 00	5.59%	6.99%	31-Dec-11	100%	£299	31-Dec-11
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What a Malene

MAGNIFICENT Malene Espensen may not have won the National Lottery – but she still looks a million dollars.

And we're glad she hasn't scooped the jackpot, because if she does she reckons she'll leave these shores to travel the world.

Malene, 25, told the Daily Star Sunday: "I always buy a ticket but, sadly, I've yet to scoop the jackpot."

"But if I did win I'd spoil myself and everyone I love. The first thing I'd do is buy myself a huge house and kit it out with lovely things."

"Then I'd buy myself a round-the-world ticket and travel the globe visiting all the places I've always dreamed of seeing."

The Danish-born beauty, who won the Daily Star Sunday's Poster Girl contest in 2004, added: "After I'd finished

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her fans – a set of
sexy snaps that will
add sparkle to any
festive get-together

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